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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

Applicant's or agent's file reference

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

in written format
 in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

contained in the international application as filed.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations

The following document has been considered for the purpose of this report:

D1 = [JP 2002-244829 A]

D2 = [JP 2003-091467 A]

Document 1 discloses

A connection control method for an information processing apparatus, comprising: a step of inquiring, of other information processing apparatuses in the wirelessly connected wireless network, whether the other information processing apparatuses have a function of performing predetermined processing (step 203:fig2).

Document 2 discloses

a step of receiving identification information for identifying each network out of a plurality of wireless network.

The subject matter of claim 1-18 is considered to involve an inventive step over D1, D2 for the following reasons:

None of D1 and D2 describes [determination means for determining a user's instruction for establishing a wireless communication channel] the feature in claim 1-18.